

<p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS MARCH 12, 2004</p>

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, March 12, 2004, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. This meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patricia Harwell, MFT, Chair
Joan Fryer, LPC, Vice-Chair
Joyce Evans, Consumer
Eric Groh, LPC
Janet H. Lenard, CSW
Jay Ligon, CSW
Christus Powell, MFT
Donald M. Syfert, L.P.C.

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Carlos Jackson, MFT
Patricia Showell, CSW

****Eric Groh was present on February 27, 2004 to review files.

STAFF PRESENT

Lee Tracy, Executive Director
Sandy Stembridge, Applications Specialist
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary
Dominick Crea, Assistant Attorney General

GUESTS

Sue Fort, NASW
Pierluigi Mancini, Ph.D., NCAC II
Jerry Gonzalez, Executive Director, GALEO

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:20 a.m. motion Evans, seconded Powell, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2-(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Harwell, Fryer, Groh, Lenard, Ligon, and Syfert. The Board **concluded** **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

OPEN SESSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lee Tracy reported that the renewals were sent down for approval. The Renewal coupons should be mailed out by the first of May. The Newsletter is being reviewed in order to be included in the renewal form. The Rules on the website have been updated to be more user friendly. Ms. Tracy also commented on House Bill 625 that was to be discussed with visitors, Dr. Pierluigi Mancini and Jerry Gonzalez.

MINUTES

Motion Evans, seconded Powell and motion carried, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2004 meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pierluigi Mancini, Ph.D., NCAC II, and Jerry Gonzalez, Executive Director, GALEO spoke with the Board members concerning House Bill 625. Dr. Mancini stated that Georgia has the fastest growing Latino population in the United States and that there is a crisis due to a shortage of bilingual/bi-cultural counselors throughout the state of Georgia. House Bill 625 concerns the issuance of temporary permits for foreign-born professional counselors for whom English is a second language to practice as professional counselors. A person issued a temporary permit shall practice only under direction and under the supervision of a supervisor and shall limit his or her practice primarily to persons with whom he or she shares a language fluency. Discussion of the bill was held with Board members. Dr. Mancini and Mr. Gonzalez requested that the Board members give input on changes that should be made in the bill in order for the Board to support the passing of House Bill 625.

Sue Fort reported that the NASW was concerned about the quality of continuing education providers.

THE BOARD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

Motion Powell, seconded Evans and motion carried, to accept the **Marriage and Family Therapy Standards Report.**

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

Ramona Williams	Denied
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Motion Fryer, seconded Powell and motion carried, to accept the **Licensed Professional Counselors Standards Report.**

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

Frederick Thrasher	Approved	Patrick Davis	Denied
Shiraz Karaa	Approved	Deanna Hamlin	Denied
Amy Arabian	Approved	Nils Chandler	Denied
Deborah Williams	Approved contingent on receipt of W2 information	Caren Ogle	Denied
		Anne McDaniel	Denied
		Kim Woodard	Denied
Bonnie Noyes	Approved		

APC EXAMINATION

Sophia Viola	Approved	Stephanie White	Approved
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Sandra Wilson Approved

APC CHANGE OF SUPERVISOR

Elizabeth Greene Approved

Susan Johnson Approved

John Dotson Denied

CHANGE OF EMPLOYER

Melissa Edwards Approved

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

Tammy White Approved

Rebecca Bates Cooper Approved

Norman Sterling Approved

Brenda Lindsey Approved

Kimberly Cowan Approved

Heather Hawkins Approved

Mary Roper Approved

Nancy Miller Approved

Richard Stull Approved

Lynette Lacoma-Edmund Approved

Mary Chenowith Denied

Wendy Kobernus Newell Denied

Helen Kotler Denied

Charles Conway Denied

Sandra Spahn Denied

Brenda Stinson Denied

Jeffrey Scott Denied

Monica Sparks Denied

Jamie Tillett Denied

Terry Bazinet Denied

Melinda Simpson Denied

CHANGE OF SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR

Hazel Caldwell Denied

Glenda Cordy Approved

EXAMINATION

America Ilenda Approved

Amy Cove Approved

REINSTATEMENT

Theresa Sparks Approved

Cheryl Tobey Approved

REACTIVATION

Edna Wright Approved

REQUEST TO EXTEND TIME

Sherry Moreland Approved

Motion Lenard, seconded Syfert and motion carried, to accept the **Social Workers Standards Report.**

EXAMINATION

Angela Holcomb Approved

Nancy Crews Approved

Pilot Sawyer Approved

Helen Renfroe Approved

Leslie Schmidt Approved

Monica Swain Approved

EXAMINATION WAIVER

Jenetta Nelson Approved

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER

Natalie Pope	Approved	Carolyn Cobb	Approved
Irena Valrie	Approved	Shonta Oliphant	Approved
Jamila Hollis	Approved	Marlyn Dirosa	Approved
Jennifer Curren	Approved	Megan Magee-Cianciulli	Approved
Kari Cameron	Approved	Carole Martineicci	Approved
Nakita Bell	Approved	Patricia Karatella	Approved
Erien Fryer	Approved	Stephanie Jones	Approved
Carla Levingston	Approved	Lisa Harris	Approved
Melissa Sage	Approved	Judith Russell	Approved
Martha Stewart	Approved	Latiya Jackson	Approved

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

Yuki Reese	Approved	Celeste Dickson	Denied
Gianna Thacker	Approved	Joseph Driggers	Denied
Lidna Wheatley	Approved	Sam Badger	Denied
Laura Taylor	Approved	Judy Jacobs	Denied

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

COMP040015	Recommended closing.
COMP040002	Recommended closing.
COMP040027	Recommending review of progress notes provided by respondent. Will take further action, if necessary, upon review of progress notes.

Motion Groh, seconded Lenard and motion carried, to close cases COMP040015 and COMP00002 as reported by the Investigative Committee.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Dominick Crea, Attorney General, updated the Board on cases in his office.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Powell, and seconded Lenard and motion carried, to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Patricia R. Harwell, MFT, Chair
GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF
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